

REMARKS

The foregoing changes limit the claims to the scope of subject matter, which the examiner has found allowable. No agreement with any aspect of the Office Action is to be implied. The wording change in the independent claims makes no change in scope. It merely further clarifies what was already clear in view of the specification.

Claims 125 to 143 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The “.” inadvertently replacing “ \leq ” has been corrected in all instances.

Claim 48 was corrected as requested in the Office Action.

Claim 152 has been cancelled, and all claims reciting dependency on said claim have been amended accordingly to remove said dependency.

Claim 161 has been made dependent on claims 146, 147, 163 or 164 as originally intended.

Each of claims 70, 160 and 180 have been split into two claims (see new claims 190-192), one set reciting that the angle between the light transmitting direction of said polarizer and the light transmitting direction of the analyzer is approximately 0° , and the other set reciting that said angle is approximately 90° .

Claim 41 has also been split into two claims (see new claim 193), one reciting that the initial twist angle β of the liquid crystal molecules is within 15 degrees of 0° , and the other reciting that said angle is within 15 degrees of 90° .

In many instances α_0 and β_0 recited the subscript letter O. These have been corrected to α_0 and β_0 , i.e., using the number 0.

Claim 144 is rewritten in independent form, i.e., incorporates the features of claim 125, and claim 145 is made dependent on claim 144.

No new claim fees are believed due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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